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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 1,000,000 head as of October 1, 2010. The latest inventory was up 12 percent from September 1, 2010 and up 4 percent from the 960,000 on feed on October 1, 2009. The inventory included 705,000 steers and steer calves, up 8 percent from the previous year. The number of heifers and heifer calves, at 290,000 head, was down 5 percent from last year while cows and bulls were unchanged at 5,000 head. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 180,000 head of fed cattle during September 2010. This was 3 percent below August 2010 marketings of 185,000 head but 16 percent above a year ago. An estimated 295,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during September, up 13 percent from a year ago and up 55 percent above the August 2010 placements of 190,000. Of the number placed in September, 12 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 12 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 22 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 54 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for September, at 5,000 head, was unchanged from September 2009 and August 2010.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on October 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above October 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.60 million steers and steer calves, up 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.12 million head, also up 3 percent from 2009. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.46 million, 3 percent above 2009. Net placements were 2.41 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 510,000, 600-699 pounds were 455,000, 700-799 pounds were 602,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 895,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.80 million, 2 percent above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 54,000 during September, 15 percent above 2009.